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SUBJECT: INTRA-CHADIAN DIPLOMACY: REBEL DEFECTIONS  
CONTINUE, BUT GOC WILLING TO TALK TO GROUPS LIKE UFR

REF: A. KHARTOUM 729  
[1](#)B. NDJAMENA 213

[1](#)1. (U) This message has an Action Request for Khartoum --  
see para 6.

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KHARTOUM 729  
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[1](#)2. (SBU) Khartoum 729, another of the Embassy's superb  
reporting and analysis efforts, confirms the potentially  
decisive impact on the Chad rebellion of the GOC's victory  
over attacking rebels led by the Union of Resistance Forces'  
(UFR's) Timan Erdimi last month. We supply in para 5 contact  
information that Embassy Khartoum can pass to UFR's Abakar  
Tollimi and others if the rebels indicate that they want  
direct talks with the GOC at authoritative levels.

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REBEL DEFECTIONS  
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[1](#)3. (SBU) One sure sign of declining or collapsing morale  
among Chad rebels in Sudan is the defection count.  
Defections of Chad rebels anxious to return to Chad continue.  
French military intelligence believes that as of June 5 over  
300 have defected since the May 4-7 incursion. The GOC  
recently held a re-joining ceremony for some 225 rebels,  
mainly from the Union of Resistance Forces (UFR). This  
number likely does not/not include the 200-odd rebels  
captured during the May 7 battles, but does include the 100  
that the FORMIN claimed had rallied June 4 (Ref B). We are  
now using 300 as a round number for defections in the last 30  
days. There are also reports of Chad government desertions  
and perhaps defections as well.

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GOC VERY OPEN TO TALKS  
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[1](#)4. (SBU) The GOC remains open to direct talks with Chad  
rebel groups, including the UFR, for whomever it speaks these  
days. The FORMIN said so publicly May 21 and reiterated that  
privately to us June 5. Although the GOC insists that it  
will deal with the rebels under the general rubric of the  
Sirte Accords -- to ward off external attempts to draft  
another negotiating document -- its position strikes us as

more supple than that, as the welcome the GOC is giving (and always has given) to individual and small-group defections demonstrates.

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GOC CONTACT INFORMATION  
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¶5. (SBU) Here follows contact information for GOC officials who have indicated that they are open to contacts with Chad rebels.

Foreign Minister: Moussa Faki Mahamat.  
Office: 235-251-3992, 235-251-6276; Cells: 235-625-0000,  
235-986-9727.  
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National Mediator: Abderamane Moussa.  
Office: 235-2524479; Cell: 235-629-0851.  
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Foreign Relations Advisor to President Deby: Ahmat A. Haggat.  
Office: 235-251-4437; Cells: 235-655-4400, 235-966-0213.  
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Secretary General of the MFA: Moussa Dago.  
Office: 235-251-5720; Cell: 235-626-8333.  
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Foreign Relations Advisor to the Prime Minister: Ramadan  
Barma.  
Office: 235-252-6061; Cell: 235-629-6594.

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ACTION REQUEST  
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¶6. (SBU) Action Request: That Embassy Khartoum consider contacting Abakar Tollimi or other Chad rebel leaders to provide contact numbers for GOC officials willing to talk to them.

¶7. (U) Minimize considered.  
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